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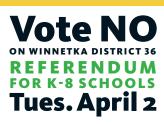


# **Support good public schools**

and **Vote NO** on the \$100.6 million facilities plan for Winnetka's K-8 schools. With declining enrollment in Winnetka District 36, **this project is too expensive.** 

Nearly \$60 million is for non-essential additions and renovations.

Vote NO now, and the District can come back with a reasonable plan focused on student needs.





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#### WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED:

## **Big Property Tax Increase**

If passed, this referendum is estimated to cost Winnetka property owners an additional \$1,352 per \$1 million fair market property value for 20 years. Total first phase of the project is \$100.6 million, comprised of \$90.6 million bond + \$10 million from reserves. If passed, this bond referendum would be the largest in Illinois history for an elementary district.

# **Lack of Transparency**

The District is misleading taxpayers by reporting the annual net impact to the tax bill as \$276 per \$1 million fair market property value for 20 years. The total cost is actually \$1,352 per \$1 million fair market property value for 20 years. The average taxpayer was due to receive a \$1,000 annual tax reduction on future tax bills but will not see that reduction if the referendum is passed. Imbalance "Crisis"

How can there be facility overcrowding with declining enrollment? **Mismanagement.** This situation can be solved with zero-cost solutions.

# **Wants Not Needs**

Nearly \$60 million of the project is slated for non-essential "additions and renovations" at a time when enrollment is declining and District facilities are operating below capacity. This unnecessary facilities spending will crowd out spending for future educational needs and services.

### **Shrinking District**

**Enrollment has declined 20% since 2006;** the District is projecting future decline through 2026.

# **Lack of Fiscal Discipline**

At \$23,000 per pupil, current District operating costs are 54% higher than in Wilmette and 18% higher than in Glencoe.

#### We've Been Here Before

Recently, taxpayers rejected New Trier High School's high cost facilities referendum but approved **a more reasonable second plan**.

# **Big Picture Perspective**

\$50+ million on experimental school design is not as urgent as other demands facing Winnetka taxpayers:

- Illinois pension problem
- Storm water
- New Trier facilities
- Property taxes no longer fully deductible under 2017 Tax Cut & Jobs Act.



